

*Kindly amend as follows:*

#### **Abstract**

A machine structural steel product having superior formability of rotary-forming, torsional properties, and quenching-crack resistance is provided which is manufactured using an electric furnace instead of a blast furnace and which removes adverse influences of tramp elements. A drive shaft having a superior static strength and fatigue strength is provided. In particular, the machine structural steel product contains: on a mass percent basis, C: 0.35% to 0.50%; Si: 0.15% or less; Mn: 0.20% to 1.1%; P: 0.02% or less; S: 0.005% to 0.035%; Cr: more than 0.1% to 0.2%; Mo: 0.05% to 0.5%; Ti: 0.01% to 0.05%; Al: 0.01% to 0.05%; N: 0.01% or less; B: 0.0005% to 0.0050%; Cu: 0.06% to 0.25%; and Ni: 0.05% to 0.2%[[,]] and in addition, the composition described above is adjusted so that an LD value represented by the following equation (1) satisfies 120 or less.

$$LD=0.569 \times \{7.98 \times (C)\}^{1/2} \times (1+4.1Mn) \times (1+2.83P) \times (1-0.62S) \times (1+0.64Si) \times (1+2.33Cr) \times (1+0.52Ni) \times (1+3.14Mo) \times (1+0.27Cu) \times (1+1.5(0.9-C))) + 52.6 \quad (1)$$

— In the above equation, C, Mn, P, S, Si, Cr, Ni, Mo, and Cu in the equation each indicate the content (mass percent) of the respective elements.